

## SYSTEM AND METHOD OF STORING DATA TO A RECORDING MEDIUM

Abstract

5       The present invention seeks to utilize the unused  
portions of storage capacity on servers. Existing servers  
(e.g. vendor servers) are used to store data for backup  
purposes. Data stored therein is preferably dispersed  
amongst multiple servers, or can be limited to one server.  
10   When a customer requests storage space for backup of data,  
a central server monitoring the servers tied into the  
service will check the availability of storage space on the  
servers. The data will then be allocated to empty space in  
the various servers, selected according to, for example,  
15   bandwidth of transmission, availability, etc.